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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3919

E. O. 12065: GDS 5/21/87 (MILLSPAUGH, ROBERT A) OR-P
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ES
SUBJ: (U) THREE INCIDENTS DIRECTED AT PDC

1. (U) JUST AFTER NOON ON SATURDAY MAY 16 THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) HEADQUARTERS, WHICH IS LOCATED ON A RESIDENTIAL STREE IN A MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, WAS STRUCK BY RIFLE FIRE FROM A PASSING CAR.

2. (U) AT APPROXIMATELY 2230 HRS ON WEDNESDAY MAY 20 THE HEADQUARTERS WAS ATTACKED AGAIN BY RIFLE FIRE, THIS TIME FROM BOTH FRONT AND BACK. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN EITHER INCIDENT.

3. (C) SINCE THE SECOND ATTACK OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER CURFEW, AT LEAST ONE PARTY LEADER SUSPECTS SECURITY CORPS INVOLVEMENT. OTHER PARTY LEADERS SUGGEST THE ATTACKS MAY BE RELATED TO PDC REUNION PLANS. THE PDC WILL HOLD A CONVENTION AT THE HEADQUARTERS THIS SATURDAY, AND A CONGRESS IS PLANNED FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.

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